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COMMISSIONER

IN THE MATTER OF:

TOWER EQUITIES, INC. 8141 N. Main Street Dayton, Ohio 45415-1747 CRD #16195

PHILIP A. LEHMAN Tower Equities, Inc. 8141 N. Main Street Dayton, Ohio 45415-1747

Respondents.

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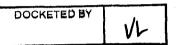
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PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 27, 2000, the Securities Division ("Division") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") filed a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing ("Notice") against Tower Equities, Inc. ("Tower") and Mr. Philip A. Lehman, (collectively the "Respondents") in which the Division alleged that the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") had found the Respondents had committed multiple violations of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Adviser Act of 1940 in connection with the offer and sale of securities. As a result of the SEC's action, the Division alleges that Tower's and Lehman's registration as a securities dealer and salesman, respectively, should be revoked.

The Respondents were duly served with copies of the Notice.

On January 18, 2001, Respondents Tower and Lehman filed a request for hearing.

On January 23, 2001, by Procedural Order, a pre-hearing conference was scheduled and held on February 8, 2001 and during that proceeding the parties stipulated to a hearing on April 10, 2001.

On April 3, 2001, the parties requested a continuance of the proceeding for at least 45 days to further narrow the issues and to complete the production of documents.

On April 4, 2001, the hearing on the above-captioned proceeding was continued from April

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10, 2001 to May 30, 2001.

On May 18, 2001, the Respondents filed a Motion to Extension Time ("Motion") stating that

counsel for the Respondents did not receive the Commission's April 4, 2001, Procedural Order continuing the proceeding to May 30, 2001. Counsel remained unaware until May 15, 2001, that the

hearing had been rescheduled and stated that she needed additional time to prepare for the hearing.

On May 21, 2001, the Division filed a response to the Motion of the Respondents arguing that they had failed to show good cause for any further delays. Subsequently, a teleconference was arranged to take place between the presiding Administrative Law Judge and counsel for the Division and the Respondents.

On May 25, 2001, a teleconference was held with counsel for the Respondents and the Division wherein the parties agreed to the following: that the hearing scheduled for May 30, 2001, be continued until June 13, 2001 as a telephonic hearing; that counsel for the Respondents would file her application for admission Pro Hac Vice for purposes of representing the Respondents in the proceeding; that on or before May 30, 2001, the parties would file a Joint Pre-Hearing Statement ("Statement") which would contain stipulations of fact and the parties' request for findings of fact, the identification of issues of law and policy and a summary of their respective positions on those issues; that on or before June 6, 2001, all exhibits and witness lists (if any) would be exchanged by the parties with copies provided to the Administrative Law Judge; and that the hearing scheduled for June 13, 2001 would be conducted telephonically with counsel for the parties arguing their respective positions on the primary issues involved in the proceeding.

Accordingly, the hearing should be continued and conducted as discussed hereinabove.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the hearing in the above-captioned proceeding shall be continued from May 30, 2001 to <u>June 13, 2001 at 9:30 a.m</u>. Arizona time, at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Division and the Respondent file the Statement described hereinabove by May 30, 2001.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all hearing exhibits and witness lists (if any) be exchanged by the parties on or before June 6, 2001, with copies provided to the presiding Administrative Law

Judge. 2 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to the agreement of the parties, the hearing will be 3 conducted telephonically with counsel for the Division present at the hearing room and counsel for 4 the Respondents appearing telephonically. DATED this A day of May, 2001. 5 6 7 8 ARC E. STERN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 9 10 Copies of the foregoing sent via Facsimile and mailed via 11 Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested this Apw day of May, 2001 to: 12 13 Barbara A. Mallon MALLON & JOHNSON, P.C. 14 19 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1202 Chicago, Illinios 60603 15 Attorney for Respondents 312-346-8896 16 Copies of the foregoing mailed/delivered 17 this 304 day of May, 2001 to: 18 Robert A. Zumoff Assistant Attorney General 19 ARIZONA ATTÓRNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE 1275 West Washington Street 20 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 21 W. Mark Sendrow, Director Securities Division 22 ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1300 West Washington Street 23 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 24 ARIZONA REPORTING SERVICE, INC. 2627 N. Third Street, Suite Three 25 Phoenix, Arizona 85004-1104 26 By: 27

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